

5TH SUNDAY LENT

and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. Amen.

Call to Worship

P: God invites us into his healing presence with these words: "I am the Lord who heals you."
(Exodus 15:26)

God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.
(Isaiah 6:10)

Let us come into his presence in faith and expectancy. Amen!

C: Amen!

Confession

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(Based on 1 John 1:8-9)

Let us confess our sins to almighty God

ALL: God forgive our doubting, questioning hearts. Like the scribes who witnessed Jesus' miracles of healing and heard his proclamation, yet spurned belief, we too have seen wonders, yet have hardened our hearts. We confess the many times that our pessimism has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit; the times that our criticism has wounded others; the times that our dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work. O God forgive us and, in your mercy, renew us, that with open hearts we may believe

Assurance | Absolution

P: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation.
(based on Psalm 91:14-15).

Psalm

Psalm 142

Prayer

P: God of all hope, we gather today so deeply aware of the world's grief and pain – and our own. Comfort us, we pray, with the sure knowledge that our Lenten journey culminates in Easter joy.

C: Amen.

Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Profession of Faith

(from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39)

We believe... there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angles, nor rulers, nor things present, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

Offering

Sermon *John 11:1-53*
"The resurrection and the life"

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all
blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures
here below.
Praise him above
ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.*

Benediction

Going Forth

P: The worship is over.
C: Let the service begin!



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